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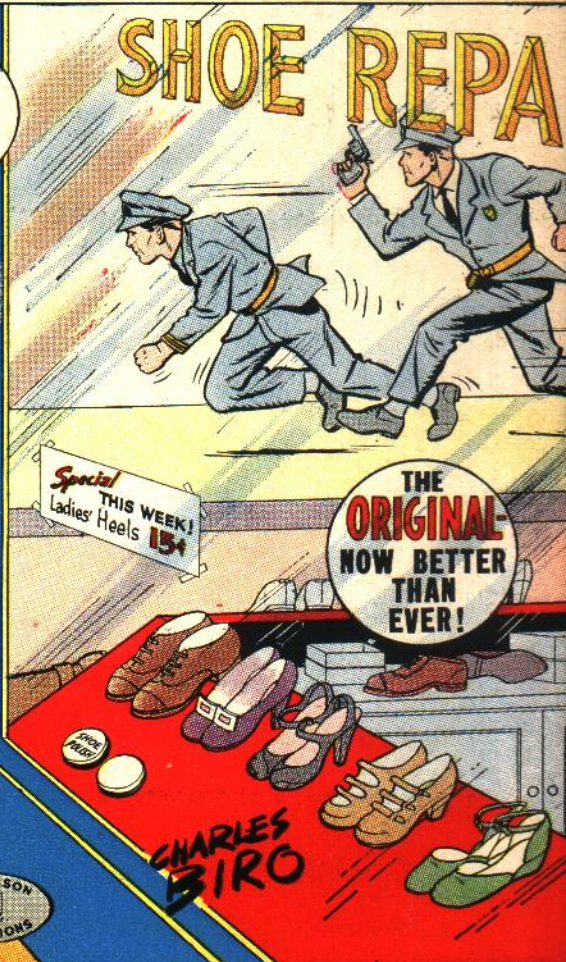


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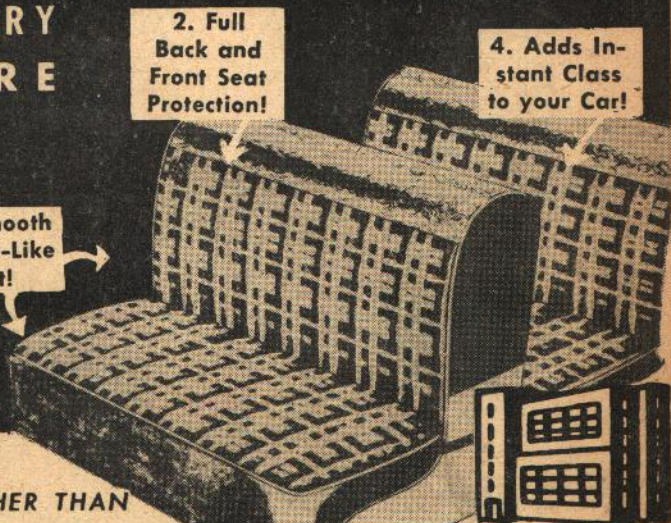
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FOOLISH JOHNNY WAGNER

A MISSING COLT .45 WAS HIS CUE TO TRY TO BE A "BIG SHOT"!



I'VE A GOOD MIND TO LET YOU HAVE IT—MAYBE I WILL! WHAT KIND OF A BROTHER HAVE YOU BEEN?

IN CONSIDERATION OF INNOCENT PEOPLE INVOLVED AND RELATIVES OF OTHERS, THE NAMES OF CHARACTERS DEPICTED IN THIS TRUE CRIME MAGAZINE ARE FICTITIOUS. ANY SIMILARITY TO NAMES OF PEOPLE LIVING OR DEAD IS ENTIRELY COINCIDENTAL. THIS IN NO WAY AFFECTS THE ACCURACY OF THESE STORIES WHICH ARE BASED ON FACT. THE EDITORS

DON'T, JOHNNY! DON'T!! GIVE ME THAT GUN! PLEASE NO!! JOHNNY! NO!!

JOHNNY WAGNER WAS A GUY WHO CAME FROM NICE ENOUGH PEOPLE, BUT JOHNNY HAD ONE BIG FAULT—AN INSALUBRIOUS THIRST TO BE A "BIG SHOT"! I FIRST CAUGHT UP WITH HIM WHEN HE WAS TWENTY-ONE! IT WAS BACK IN NOVEMBER, 1948! HE WAS ORPHANED AND LIVING WITH HIS OLDER BROTHER, ED, AND SISTER-IN-LAW, ANNIE!

GEORGE TUSKA

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THEY WERE IN SHOW BUSINESS! ANN PLAYED CHARACTER PARTS ON RADIO, IN SHOWS, WHEREVER SHE COULD, AND ED WAS A MUSICIAN!

STAYING HOME TONIGHT, ANN?

NO, JOHNNY! I GOT ANOTHER PART TO TRY OUT FOR!



GOT ANY LOOSE MONEY? I'M FLAT!

HERE'S THREE DOLLARS! IT'S ALL I CAN SPARE! ED WILL BE HOME EARLY! MAYBE HE CAN SPARE SOMETHING!

THANKS!



"EARLY" TO PEOPLE IN SHOW BUSINESS MEANS EARLY IN THE MORNING! ED CAME IN ABOUT 11:30! ANN REHEARSED MOST OF THE NIGHT! JOHNNY WAITED UP FOR ED!

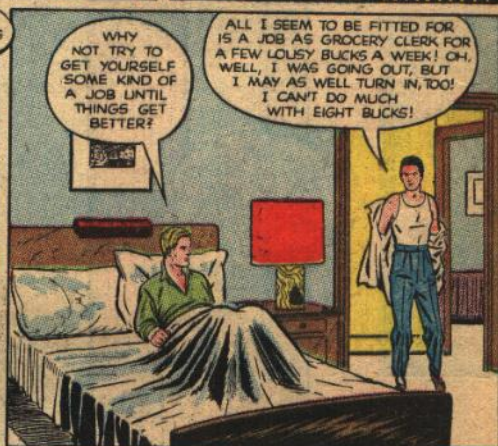
STILL UP, JOHNNIE? I'M DEAD-BEEN BLOWING MY BRAINS OUT TONIGHT! BUSINESS IS OFF, SO I QUIT EARLY!

I WAITED UP TO SEE IF I COULD HIT YOU FOR A TEN SPOT!



THINGS AREN'T AS GOOD AS THEY USED TO BE, JOHNNY! WHEN VALDEVILLE WAS AT ITS PEAK AND YOU WERE GROWING UP, YOU HAD EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED! BUT THINGS HAVE CHANGED! HERE'S A FIVE SPOT—IT'S ALL I CAN SPARE!

HOW CAN A GUY DO WHAT HE'D LIKE TO IF HE'S ALWAYS BROKE!



WHY NOT TRY TO GET YOURSELF SOME KIND OF A JOB UNTIL THINGS GET BETTER?

ALL I SEEM TO BE FITTED FOR IS A JOB AS GROCERY CLERK FOR A FEW LOUSY BUCKS A WEEK! OH, WELL, I WAS GOING OUT, BUT I MAY AS WELL TURN IN, TOO! I CAN'T DO MUCH WITH EIGHT BUCKS!



JOHNNY HAD A GIRL FRIEND, FRAN, WHOM HE HAD A DATE WITH THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON!

HI, JOHNNY! I LOOKED FOR YOU LAST NIGHT! EDDIE HOLDEN AND I SHOPPED FOR MOTORCYCLES! DID YOU RAISE THE MONEY TO GET YOURS?

NO, FRAN. ALL I CAN DIG UP IS EIGHT BUCKS!



LOOK, JOHNNY—HERE'S EDDIE NOW! JUST LOOK! A MOTORCYCLE—A NEW ONE!

JOHNNY! FRAN! HOW DO YOU LIKE HER? ISN'T SHE A BEAUTY? I BOUGHT IT!

SHE SURE IS!



HOW ABOUT A RIDE, FRAN?

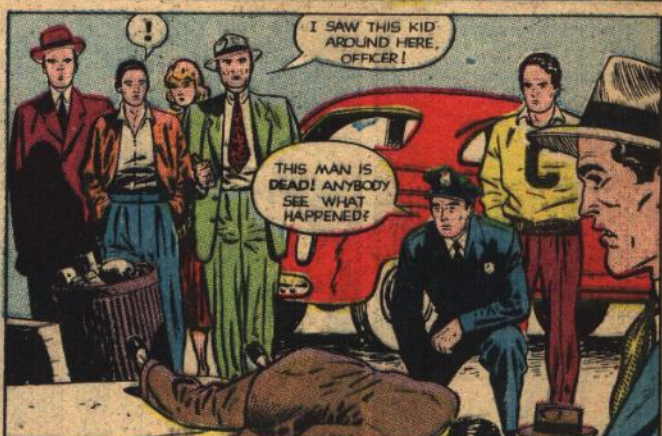
DON'T MIND IF I DO!

HEY, FRAN—I THOUGHT WE HAD A DATE TODAY!

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LET HIM HAVE IT, MACK!



GO OVER HIM, MACK!

HE'S GOT A HEATER!



HERE, LUCKY! THE PUNK WAS GOIN' TO STICK UP THAT DINER! HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT?

THAT'S MY ROD! THE ONE I USED ON HARRY! THIS IS LUCK! HE DIDN'T TURN IT IN! I THINK I'LL LET HIM HAVE IT! THEN I'LL BE SURE HE CAN'T TALK!



NO! LUCKY! WE'RE TOO HOT! THE NOISE MIGHT BRING THE COPS! YOU'VE GOT TO GET RID OF THAT LOAD OF STUFF FIRST! DON'T, LUCKY! NOT NOW!

THE STUFF... OH, WELL, MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT! GET THE JALOPY AND WE'LL TAKE HIM BACK TO THE SHACK! I'LL BUMP HIM OFF THERE!



LOOK, NADA! A PRESENT! WE FOUND THE PUNK AN' THE GUN, TOO! SOME LUCK, HUH?

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH HIM? HAVE HIM STUFFED AND HUNG ON THE WALL AS A TROPHY?



I'M GOIN' TO RUB HIM OUT! MACK, DRAG HIM DOWN TO THE BASEMENT! IT'S QUIET DOWN THERE, AND WE CAN DUMP HIM IN THE WELL! HE'LL NEVER BE FOUND!

CHECK, LUCKY!



JOHNNY WANTED TO BE A "BIG SHOT" AND IT LOOKS LIKE THAT'S JUST WHAT HE'S GOING TO GET... A NICE BIG SHOT, FIGHT BETWEEN THE YES! MEANWHILE, LET'S LOOK BACK IN ON JOHNNY'S FOLKS...

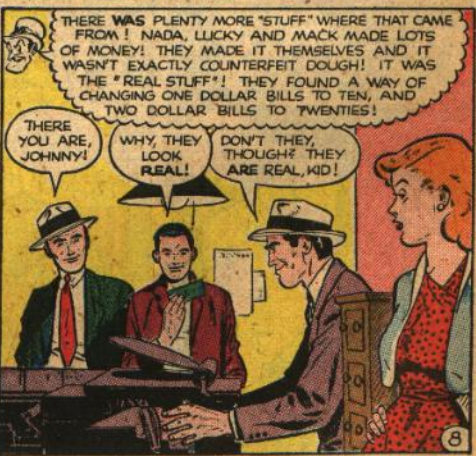
I CAN'T CALL THE POLICE! I CAN'T TURN JOHNNY OVER TO THE POLICE! I JUST CAN'T!!

BUT HE SHOULDN'T HAVE A GUN! HE'LL GET INTO TROUBLE... OH, WHY DID THIS HAPPEN TO US?



IF THIS IS HOW JOHNNY IS GOING TO REPAY US FOR BEING GOOD TO HIM, I CAN'T STOP HIM!

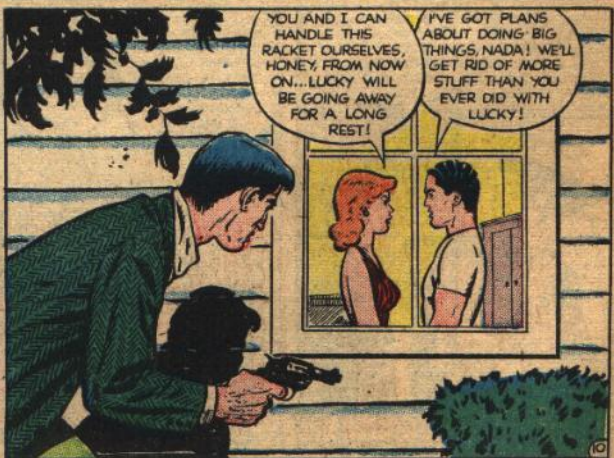
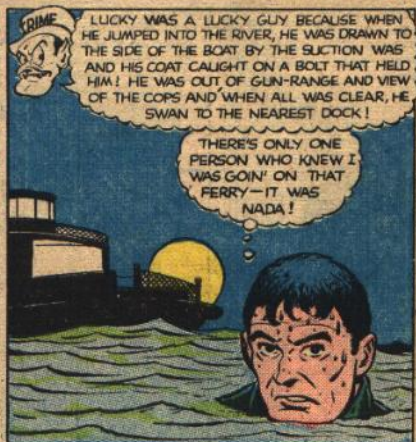
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BIG PLANS? YOUR PLANNING DAYS ARE ALL OVER, JOHNNY—AND YOURS, TOO, NADA!

DON'T, LUCKY! PLEASE DON'T!



GET ON YOUR KNEES, PUNK! I LIKE TO SEE RATS CRAB BEFORE THEY'RE KILLED!

DON'T SHOOT—PLEASE, LUCKY!!

DON'T!! WAIT—LUCKY!!



LUCKY TIGHTENED HIS FINGER ON THE TRIGGER! IT WOULD HAVE BEEN DOOM FOR JOHNNY EXCEPT SOMETHING HAPPENED! SOMETHING THAT SUDDENLY CAUSED LUCKY TO DROP HIS GUN...

UHHH!!



HEH, HEH, LUCKY OVERLOOKED ONE IMPORTANT THING! IT WAS ODD FOR A CABBIE TO PICK UP A FARE RIGHT OUT OF THE RIVER, SO HE TOLD THE COPS—AND THE HACKIE SHOWED THEM WHERE HE LEFT LUCKY OFF!

BANG!



JOHNNY WAGNER, HOW YOU EVER GOT MIXED UP WITH CRIME IS BEYOND ME! YOU'VE A HARD WORKING BROTHER AND SISTER-IN-LAW, WHO GAVE YOU EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED!

I DIDN'T GIVE HIM WHAT HE NEEDED MOST, AND THAT WAS A REGULAR HOME WITH HIS FAMILY!

YES, YOUR HONOR! I HAD A CHANCE TO GO INTO ANOTHER BUSINESS WHERE I MIGHT HAVE MADE A HOME FOR JOHNNY, BUT I DIDN'T BECAUSE I WAS SELFISH—ALWAYS THINKING I'D BE ON TOP AGAIN IN SHOW BUSINESS!



YOUR HOME DIDN'T HURT HIM, ED! I'M SORRY WE HAVEN'T ANYTHING MORE I CAN PIN ON YOU, JOHNNY, EXCEPT THAT YOU CONCEALED A MURDER WEAPON! THEREFORE, I AM FORCED TO SENTENCE YOU TO TWO YEARS IMPRISONMENT! I HOPE IT TEACHES YOU A LESSON!

EASY ANN!

MY POOR JOHNNY! SOB!



NADA WAS CONVICTED OF COUNTERFEITING, AND ON MANY OTHER COUNTS THAT EARNED HER A TWENTY-YEAR VACATION AT THE STATE PEN! BUT JOHNNY AND HIS FOLKS BOTH PROFITED BY THIS ORDEAL, AND JOHNNY IS LOOKING FORWARD TO AN EARLY RELEASE BECAUSE OF GOOD BEHAVIOR!

WHAT'S THAT, JOHNNY? ANOTHER LETTER FROM YOUR FOLKS?

YEAH, JIM! THEY OPENED A DELICATESSEN AND BOUGHT IT IN MY NAME, SO WHEN I COME OUT WE'LL ALL WORK HARD TOGETHER!

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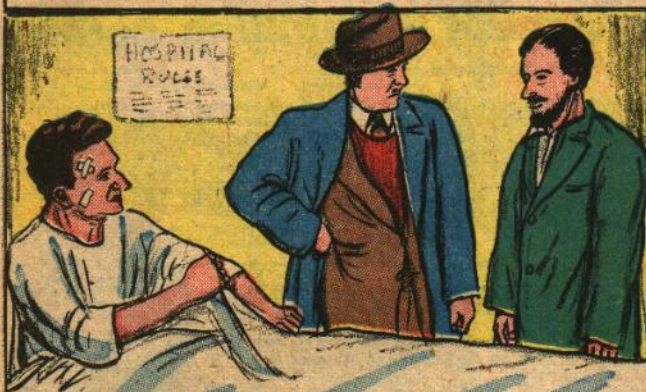
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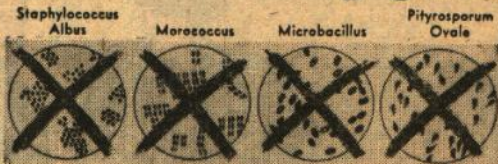
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TEST YOUR WITS—HOW GOOD A DETECTIVE ARE YOU?

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MAY 27, 1946

ONE OF THESE THREE MEN MURDERED ALMA NADLON! ONE OF THE THREE MEN WAS DUE TO GET AWAY WITH MURDER AND A FORTUNE IN JEWELS—TILL DETECTIVE PHILIP CABOT PUT TWO AND TWO TOGETHER AND MADE IT ADD UP TO ONE—THE KILLER! CAN YOU GUESS WHO THAT KILLER WAS FROM THIS SUSPENSEFUL RE-CREATION OF THE ALMA NADLON MURDER CASE?

1 NICHOLAS NADLON, WASTREL HUSBAND

2 HANS DAHLMANN, UNSCRUPULOUS DRUNK

3 JUAN PEREZ, HIRED KILLER

ALMA NADLON, VICTIM



LUGER AUTOMATIC—MURDER WEAPON

ART BY FRED GUARDINER

ON THE NIGHT OF MAY 27, 1946, IN THE LIVING ROOM OF NICHOLAS NADLON...



QUICK—GET OUT OF SIGHT! HE'S COMING!

THERE! HE'S WAITING FOR MY ALL-CLEAR SIGNAL! STAND BACK WHILE I GIVE IT!



THIS IS STUPID, DAHLMANN!



WHAT YOU THINK IS UNIMPORTANT! WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS MONEY AND NOT LOOKING AT THE WRONG END OF A GUN! HMM...NO VISITORS I TRUST!

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DON'T BE SILLY, DAHLMANN! DO YOU THINK I WANT ANYONE ELSE TO SHARE OUR SECRET?

WHEN YOU'VE WORKED THIS RACKET AS LONG AS I HAVE, ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE! YOU'RE TAKIN' A VERY SENSIBLE ATTITUDE!

COUNT THE MONEY—AND WHEN GETTIN' OFF CHEAP TOO! WHERE DO I GET RID OF YOU BE OF YOU, IF I TOLD THE DAHLMANN? POLICE WHAT I KNOW ABOUT YOUR WIFE'S MURDER?

GO AHEAD, DAHLMANN—AND KEEP YOUR HANDS UP!

POLICE! NADLON—YOU FOOL!

NATURALLY! YOU FIGURED I WAS GOOD FOR TWENTY YEARS OF BLACKMAILING, DAHLMANN, AND INSTEAD YOU'LL BE SPENDING THOSE TWENTY YEARS IN PRISON!



YOU FRAMED ME, YOU DIRTY DOUBLE-CROSSER! YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH IT! I'LL...

HE'LL KILL ME! FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, STOP HIM! HELP!!

LET HIM GO, DAHLMANN!

DON'T WORRY, COPPER, I WON'T DO THE KILLING! THE STATE WILL GET NADLON FOR BUMPING OFF HIS WIFE! I'LL SEE TO IT!

OF COURSE YOU'LL TRY, DAHLMANN! I EXPECT FANTASTIC STORIES FROM YOU! YOU'RE CAPABLE OF ANYTHING!



LISTEN TO HIM! PRETENDIN' HE DIDN'T HIRE A GUNMAN TO KILL HIS WIFE! WHY DO YOU THINK NADLON WAS WILLING TO PAY HUSH MONEY? HE MURDERED HIS WIFE—THAT'S WHY!

IT'S REALLY LAUGHABLE, SERGEANT! A BURGLAR KILLED MRS. NADLON! PERHAPS A BURGLAR NAMED HANS DAHLMANN WHO LATER CONCEIVED THE BRILLIANT PLAN OF ADDING TO HIS LOOT BY BLACKMAILING ME!

OKAY, MAYBE I WAS TRYIN' TO BLACKMAIL NADLON! BUT I HAD GOOD REASON! LET ME TELL WHAT I OVERHEARD AT A BAR LAST FRIDAY! A BAR NAMED TOOMEYS...

DON'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO THE RAT, SERGEANT!

NADLON, YOUR WIFE'S MURDERER IS STILL AT LARGE! I'M GOING TO LISTEN TO ANYTHING THAT WILL HELP ME CATCH HIM!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOOK FAR, COPPER! THAT'S THE MURDERER RIGHT OVER THERE! HE HIRED A GUY FOR FOUR G'S TO KNOCK HER OFF!

RAVE ON DAHLMANN! MAKE IT A GOOD ONE!

QUIET, NADLON! OKAY WHAT ABOUT TOOMEYS BAR?

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IF I PLEAD GUILTY TO ANY SIN, IT'S TO DRINK! I CAN'T RESIST A SHOT OR TWO AT TOOMEY'S! THAT'S WHERE I SAW NADLON FOR THE FIRST TIME!

WHAT AN IMAGINATION! I NEVER HEARD OF TOOMEY'S TILL TONIGHT!



"I GOT INTO TOOMEY'S ABOUT THREE O'CLOCK LAST MONDAY AFTERNOON! BY SIX O'CLOCK I WAS SLEEPING IT OFF UNDER THE TABLE! IT WAS ABOUT NINE WHEN VOICES IN THE NEXT BOOTH WOKE ME UP!"



TAKE A LOOK IN THE NEXT BOOTH, PEREZ! SEE IF ANYBODY'S THERE!



"SO THIS GREASY-LOOKING GUY PEEKS OVER THE TOP! BUT HE SEES NOTHING!"

NOBODY HERE, NADLON! IT'S SAFE TO TALK! WHAT'S THE JOB?

A RUB-OUT! I'LL GO AS HIGH AS FOUR THOUSAND CASH, PEREZ!



"THERE ARE DOZENS OF CRACKS IN THE BOOTH PARTITION, SO I PRESSED MY GLIMS TO ONE OF 'EM AND, LIEUTENANT, I GOT AN EYEFUL!"

I WANT YOU TO KILL MY WIFE, PEREZ! BUT IT'S TO BE PLANNED LIKE A ROBBERY! HERE'S A PICTURE OF HER!



SAY, SHE'S ALL RIGHT! A REAL LOOKER! WHAT'S YOUR GRIPE AGAINST HER?

GOOD LOOKING WOMEN ARE A DIME A DOZEN, PEREZ! DOLLAR BILLS AREN'T! SHE'S GOT A MILLION BUCKS, AND SHE DOLES OUT ONE BUCK AT A TIME! HERE'S A THOUSAND ON ACCOUNT, PEREZ! THREE GRAND MORE WHEN YOU FINISH THE JOB!



THE ADDRESS IS 51 LAKE DRIVE! HER ROOM IS ON THE FIRST FLOOR, NORTH-WEST CORNER! I'LL DISMISS ALL THE SERVANTS! CALL ME AT TEN O'CLOCK TOMORROW NIGHT TO CHECK!

OKAY, MR. NADLON! SHE'S AS GOOD AS DEAD RIGHT NOW!



"AFTER THEY LEFT, I LOOKED OVER THE TOP!"

PEREZ FORGOT THE PICTURE!



THAT'S HOW I KNEW IT WASN'T JUST SOMETHING I DREAMED UP IN A DRUNKEN JAG! WHEN I SAW THIS SAME PICTURE PRINTED IN YESTERDAY'S NEWSPAPER, I KNEW THIS PEREZ GUY HAD DONE THE JOB! BLONDES LIKE MRS. NADLON DON'T GROW ON APPLE TREES!



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I CALLED UP NADLON AN' TOLD HIM WHAT I KNEW! NADLON PLEADED WITH ME NOT TO GO TO THE POLICE, THAT HE WANTED TO SEE ME, FIRST! HE WANTED TO FRAME ME!

YOU ROTTEN LIAR! YOU NEVER SAW ME AT TOOMEY'S! YOU DIDN'T FIND THE PICTURE! YOU STOLE IT!

TAKE IT EASY, NADLON! JIM, CALL IN THE SERVANTS!

YES, SIR!

LIEUTENANT, THEY SAY THEY WANT TO MAKE A STATEMENT TOGETHER!

ER-BY THE WAY, I OWE YOU PEOPLE A WEEK'S SALARY! UNFORTUNATELY SINCE MRS. NADLON CANNOT PAY YOU...

MR. NADLON, YOU CAN'T BUY US OFF! WERE HERE TO TELL THE TRUTH!

LIEUTENANT, MR. NADLON MADE OUR MISTRESS MISERABLE FROM THE DAY SHE MARRIED HIM! WE BELIEVE HE MURDERED MRS. NADLON!

YOU'RE CRAZY, EVANS! I FORBID YOU TO TALK LIKE THAT!

YOU CAN'T STOP US, MR. NADLON! WE WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY WITH MURDER!

WE WORKED FOR MRS. NADLON LONG BEFORE SHE MARRIED THIS MAN! MRS. NADLON WAS A FINE PERSON, BUT HIM--HE'S THE WORST! IT WAS ONLY LAST WEEK HE TRIED TO STEAL HER JEWELS...

THEN THE BRUTE STRUCK HER, AS I HAD SEEN HIM STRIKE HER A HUNDRED TIMES BEFORE...

ALL RIGHT, THEN TAKE THE CONSEQUENCES! YOU WON'T PINCH PENNIES WITH ME!

NICHOLAS! OH!!!

THAT'S WHY I KNOW FOR SURE HE DID IT! HE CARED FOR NOTHING BUT HER MONEY! ?SNIFF?

IT'S TRUE! EVERY ONE KNOWS NADLON MARRIED HER FOR HER MONEY!

NICHOLAS! COME BACK WITH THOSE PEARLS! NICHOLAS!

IF YOU WON'T GIVE ME THE MONEY I NEED, I'LL TAKE IT BY FORCE! LET GO OF ME, ALMA--I'M WARNING YOU!

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THEY QUARRELED EVERY MEAL TIME...

I REFUSE TO PAY YOUR GAMBLING DEBTS, NICHOLAS! I'M SICK OF SUPPORTING A HUSBAND IN IDLENESS! GET A JOB AND STOP WHINING!


HOW DARE YOU LET ME WALK AROUND WITHOUT A DOLLAR IN MY BILL CLIP?! I'LL SHOW YOU! YOU WON'T TAKE IT WITH YOU! YOU'LL LEAVE ALL TO ME!

MR. NADLON WASN'T JOKING! I WAS DRIVING THE LIMOUSINE LAST SATURDAY WHEN MRS. NADLON TOLD THE SKINK SHE WAS DIVORCING HIM!

LIEUTENANT, CAN'T YOU SEE THEY'RE GANGLING UP ON ME?

LAY OFF, NADLON! CONTINUE, PLEASE...

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I DROVE MRS. NADLON TO HER LAWYER'S! WHEN SHE CAME DOWN, NADLON WAS WITH HER! HE WAS PURPLE WITH RAGE! THEY DIDN'T REALIZE THE SPEAKING TUBE WAS ON, THAT I HEARD EVERY WORD.

ALMA, IF YOU GO THROUGH WITH THIS DIVORCE, I'LL KILL YOU!

YOU DON'T SCARE ME, NICHOLAS! I SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN RID OF YOU LONG AGO! I'M A NEW WOMAN FROM THIS DAY FORWARD!



IT WAS TRUE! MRS. NADLON BECAME A NEW WOMAN! SHE GOT RID OF EVERYTHING THAT REMINDED HER OF THE BEAST!





WHY THE VERY DAY SHE WAS MURDERED! SHE HAD HER HAIR DYED BLONDE! I KNOW BECAUSE I RINSED IT SEVERAL TIMES...

IF I COULD MAKE MY SOUL OVER, I WOULD, GRETA! I WANT TO BE AN LITTERLY DIFFERENT WOMAN IN EVERY WAY!

I UNDERSTAND, MRS. NADLON! YOU'VE SUFFERED FOR YEARS! YOU SHOULD'VE DIVORCED THAT PARASITE YEARS AGO!



MR. NADLON CAME INTO THE PANTRY AFTER SUPPER AND THE STAFF WE HAD THE NIGHT OFF! I DIDN'T LIKE THE THOUGHT OF LEAVING MRS. NADLON ALONE, SO I 'KNOCKED AT HER DOOR!



SHE WAS RECLINING ON THE CHAISE READING A BOOK! FOR A MOMENT I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE HER! I WASN'T USED TO THE NEW BLONDE HAIR, I GUESS!

THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF, EVANS! MY HUSBAND THREATENS, BUT HIS BARK IS WORSE THAN HIS BITE! IF MR. NADLON GAVE YOU THE NIGHT OFF, TAKE IT!

THANK YOU, MA'AM! JUST THE SAME, BE ON YOUR GUARD!



LIEUTENANT, HER STAFF ALWAYS HATED ME! NOW THEY'RE REVENGING THEMSELVES ON ME!

WE'LL SOON FIND OUT! DAHLMANN, COULD YOU PICK OUT THIS HIRED GUNMAN, PEREZ, FROM ROGUES' GALLERY PICTURES?

IF HE'S IN YOUR COLLECTION, I'LL PICK HIM OUT!



AN HOUR LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

HERE ARE THE UNRELEASED PICTURES TAKEN OF THE MURDER SCENE, LIEUTENANT! DO YOU WANT ANYTHING ELSE?

JUST WATCH NADLON IN THE ANTEROOM, JIM! DAHLMANN, YOU BROWSE THROUGH THOSE ROGUES' GALLERY PHOTOGRAPHS! WE'VE GOT ALL NIGHT!

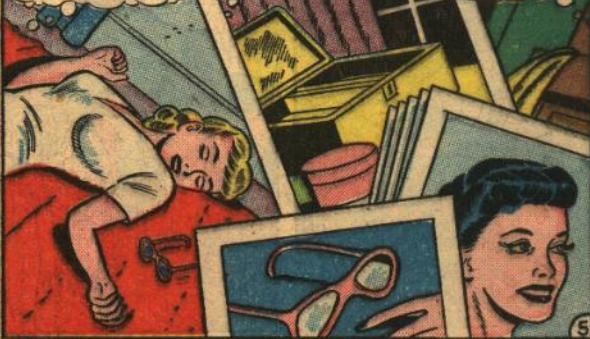
I'LL FIND PEREZ! I NEVER FORGET A FACE!



HMM... MRS. NADLON PUT UP A STRUGGLE BEFORE BEING SHOT! HER READING GLASSES WERE KNOCKED OFF! YET MR. NADLON CLAIMS HE HEARD NO SCREAMS OR SHOTS!

THE MURDERER MADE OFF WITH EVERY JEWEL IN THE ROOM! HE EVEN TOOK THE GOLD AND SILVER ORNAMENTS OFF THE WALL!

IF NADLON KILLED HIS WIFE HIMSELF, THE ROBBERY ANGLE IS ONLY A RED HERRING! HMM...



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HERE IT IS, LIEUTENANT—HERE'S THE MAN I SAW AT TOOMEY'S!

PETE LA CLAIRE, ALIAS ANDRE MEALX. ALIAS JUAN PEREZ!

LET ME SEE!



OKAY! PICK PEREZ UP, JIM!

YES, LIEUTENANT!

NOW, WILL YOU BELIEVE ME, LIEUTENANT?



YOU'RE VERY SURE OF YOURSELF, DAHLMANN!

MURDER IS A DARN GOOD THING TO BE SURE ABOUT, LIEUTENANT! LET'S SEE IF BROTHER PEREZ PROVES HIMSELF SO SURE!

WANTED FOR QUESTIONING IN NADLON SLAYING!



JUAN PEREZ



HAVE YOU SEEN JUAN PEREZ AROUND?

YOU'D HEAR FROM ME IF I SAW HIM COPPER!



ALAN, IT IS, HONEY! THAT'S THE GUY WE SAW COME OVER THE GARDEN WALL THE NIGHT THAT MURDER TOOK PLACE AT THE NADLON MANSION! WE'VE GOT TO TELL THE POLICE!



POLICE? I'M THE MANAGER OF THE WEST SIDE HOTEL! A MAN WHO LOOKS LIKE THE ONE YOU'VE BEEN AFTER JUST WENT UPSTAIRS! THAT'S RIGHT—JUAN PEREZ!



W...WHO'S THERE? COPS!!

IT'S HIM—PEREZ!

COVER HIM, QUICK!



YOU'LL NEVER TAKE ME ALIVE! I'LL... YEOWW!

YOU'LL COME QUIETLY, MY FRIEND!

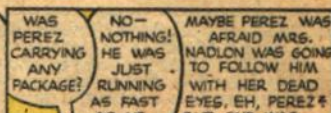
NICE GUY! I WOULDN'T BE A BIT SURPRISED IF HE DID IT! HE HAS A STICK-UP RECORD AS LONG AS MY ARM!



GOOD WORK, BOYS! IS THIS THE MAN YOU SAW COME OVER NADLON'S GARDEN WALL TWO NIGHTS AGO AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK?

THAT'S HIM! I'LL NEVER FORGET HIM!

THEY'RE CRAZY! I WAS NOWHERE NEAR THE NADLON MANSION THAT NIGHT!



WAS PEREZ CARRYING ANY PACKAGE?

NO—NOTHING! HE WAS JUST RUNNING AS FAST AS HE COULD!

MAYBE PEREZ WAS AFRAID MRS. NADLON WAS GOING TO FOLLOW HIM WITH HER DEAD EYES, EH, PEREZ? BUT SHE WAS NEAR-SIGHTED, PEREZ! SHE WORE GLASSES! SHE COULD HARDLY SEE YOU IF SHE WERE ALIVE!



CRIME DOES NOT PAY

STOP KIDDING AROUND, PEREZ! I WAS AT TOOMEY'S THE NIGHT YOU TOOK A GRAND ON ACCOUNT FROM NADLON! I HEARD EVERYTHING FROM THE NEXT BOOTH!

WHAT GOES ON HERE? WHO IS THIS GUY?

BRING NADLON IN, JIM!



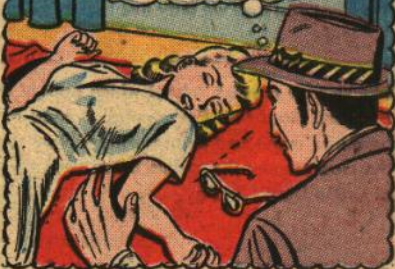
DON'T BE A SUCKER, PEREZ! THEY'VE GOT YOU DEAD TO RIGHTS! TURN STATES EVIDENCE AGAINST NADLON! IT'S YOUR ONLY CHANCE!

IT'S TRUE! HE OFFERED ME FOUR GRAND TO BUMP OFF HIS WIFE! BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO KILL HER—JUST ROB HER! I FIGURED IT WAS AN EASY STICK-UP SITUATION, SO I WENT!



"WHEN I ARRIVED AT ELEVEN I FOUND HER ALREADY DEAD! I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS MRS. NADLON, BECAUSE THE CORPSE WAS BLONDE! AT TOOMEY'S NADLON HAD TOLD ME SHE WAS BRUNETTE...

BLONDE OR BRUNETTE, I'M GETTIN' OUT OF HERE! I'M NOT GETTIN' MIXED UP IN ANY MURDER! MAYBE NADLON RIGGED IT UP LIKE THIS TO MAKE ME THE FALL GUY!



WELL, I WON'T TAKE THE RAP FOR YOU, WISE GUY! YOU DID IT, NADLON!

YOU CAN'T BELIEVE THIS CONVICTED CRIMINAL! PEREZ MURDERED MY WIFE AND STOLE HER JEWELS! NOW HE'S TRYING TO TWIST THE TRUTH TO INCRIMINATE ME!



YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE ME, LIEUTENANT! I'LL OFFER EVERY PENNY I HAVE IN THE WORLD TO PROVE I DIDN'T KILL MY WIFE!

NADLON, YOU'RE LYING WHEN YOU SAY YOU DIDN'T MEET PEREZ AT TOOMEY'S! IN FACT, ALL THREE OF YOU ARE LYING!



BUT THE LIGHT OF TRUTH GLEAMS THROUGH THE FOG OF LIES! WHO DID IT? NADLON—TO KEEP THE JEWELS TO HIMSELF AND FRAME PEREZ? DID PEREZ CONCOCT THE STORY ABOUT FINDING MRS. NADLON DEAD? DID DAHLMANN PULL THE MURDER STICKUP, THEN TRY TO EXTORT MORE MONEY FROM NADLON THROUGH A SHAKEDOWN RACKET? I THINK I KNOW THE ANSWER!

WHO DUNNIT??

NICHOLAS NADLON?	HANS DAHLMANN?	JUAN PEREZ?

DO YOU KNOW THE ANSWER? CAN YOU GUESS WHO DUNNIT? IF NOT, TURN THE PAGE UPSIDE DOWN FOR THE SOLUTION!

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DAHLMANN IS THE KILLER! GRAB HIM, JIM!
YOU BET!
IT'S A LIE!
PROOF!
YOU HAVE NO

THIS IS YOUR PAGE

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

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CHARLES BIRO and BOB WOOD, Editors

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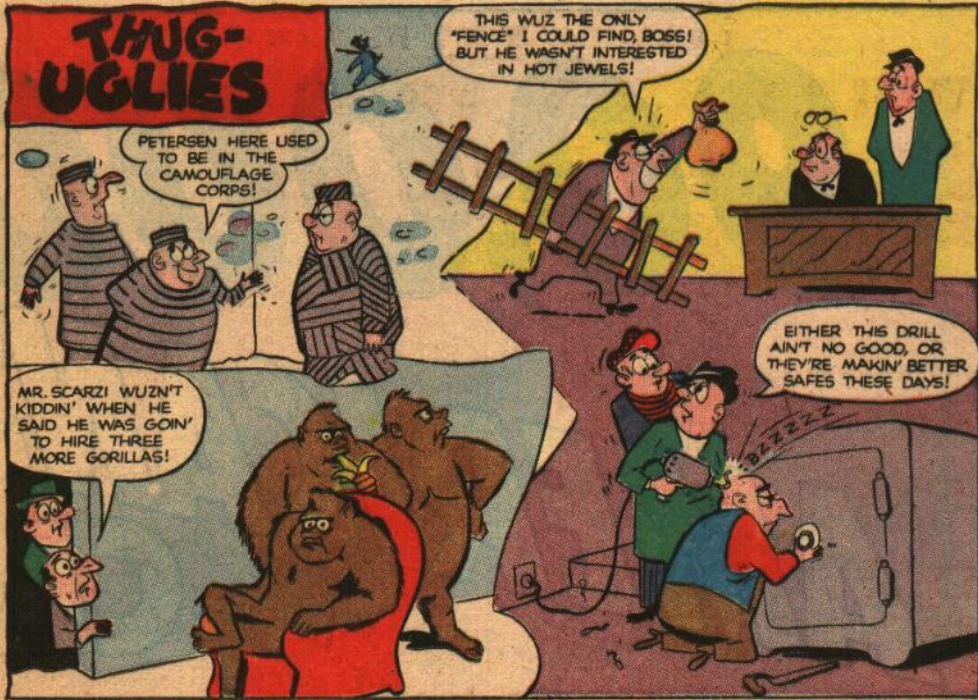
THUG-UGLIES

PETERSEN HERE USED TO BE IN THE CAMOUFLAGE CORPS!

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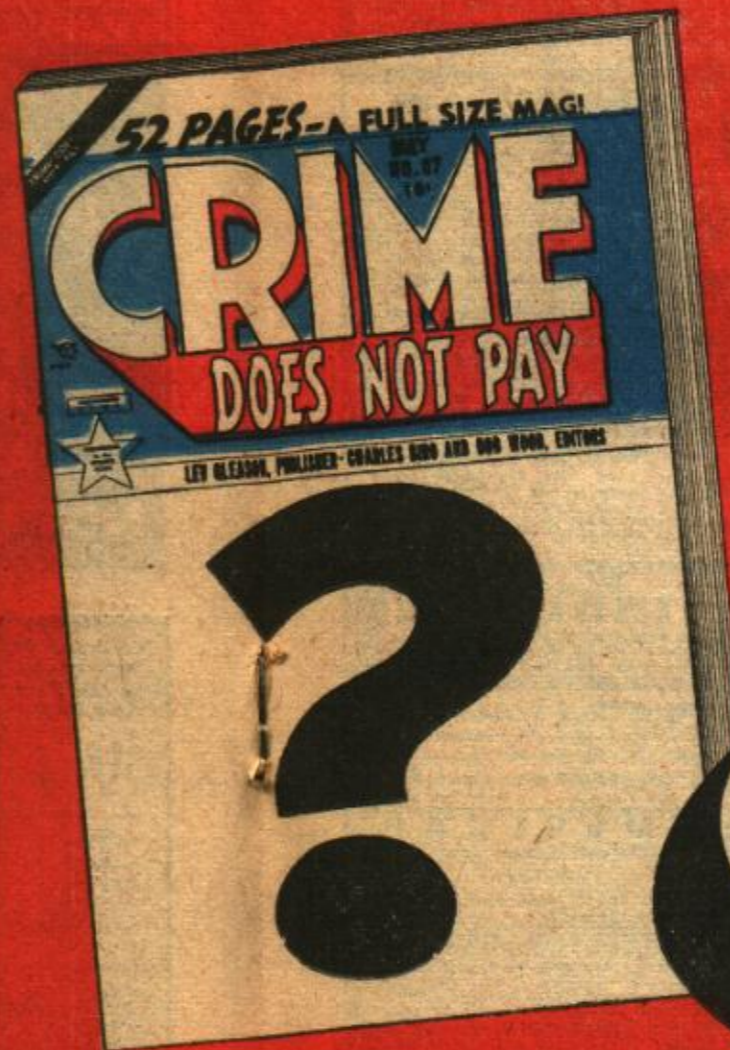
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**Line of
Tordesillas**

BACK IN 1454, Pope Nicholas
V gave to the Portuguese
the exclusive right of exploration
and conquest on the route to the
Indies. This route covered the
area around the coast of Africa.
In 1493, when news reached
Portugal that Columbus discovered
the "Indies" by sailing west,
the king sought to protect his
rights and appealed to Pope
Alexander VI for a solution. The
Pope drew a straight line on a
map running north and south 100
leagues to the west of the Cape
Verde Islands, (a league is 3
miles) and gave all right to ex-
ploration west of this line to the
Spaniards and east of it to the
Portuguese. The Portuguese dis-
sented and at a conference held
at Tordesillas in 1494, both na-
tions agreed to move the bound-
ary line 380 leagues west of
the Cape Verde Islands. This new
line corresponded to the 50th
degree longitude west of Green-
wich which touches the South
American continent at the mouth
of the Amazon.

By a stroke of fate in the year
1500, Pedro Cabral set sail
around the coasts of Africa on a
journey to the East, but, an ad-
verse wind struck his ships and
drove them off their course until
they reached the Brazilian coast.
The point at which they landed,
Porto Seguro, actually was situ-
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sillas and Portugal had all the
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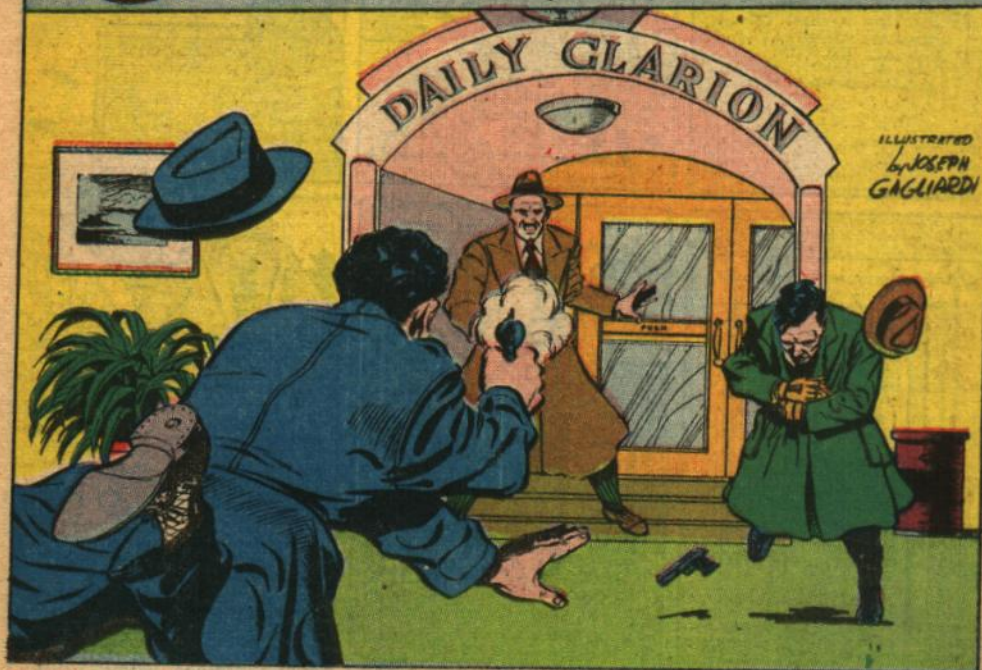
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SURE, I'M A CRIME REPORTER, BUT SOMETIMES EVEN A CRIME REPORTER IS ASKED TO DOUBLE IN BRASS BY HIS MANAGING EDITOR, AND THAT RAINY BLUE MONDAY AFTERNOON, IT WAS MY TURN FOR A DULL ASSIGNMENT! I DIDN'T KNOW THAT BEFORE THE DAY WAS OVER, I WOULD LOOK DEATH IN THE FACE!



BUT GOSH, CHIEF, I'M A CRIME REPORTER, NOT AN ART CRITIC!

LOOK, STRATTON, SIX GUYS ARE OUT WITH FLU, TWO OF 'EM PHOTOGRAPHERS! YOU'RE AN ALL-AROUND MAN! YOU CAN HANDLE A SPEED GRAPHIC! GET UP THERE TO THE MODERN ART SHOW AND DO A STORY WITH PICTURES! SCRAM!



I GOT THE FILM PACKS! BETTER FILL MY POCKETS WITH FLASH BULBS, JOE!

WHATSA MATTER, DAVE? YOU BEEN DENOTED OR SOMETHIN'? OR IS CRIME A THING OF THE PAST?



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WELL, SO YOU PICKED MY CAR FOR A HIDEOUT!

G-GET IN AND S-S-SHUT THE DOOR! QUICK! PLEASE-PLEASE D-DON'T LET HIM KNOW I'M HERE!



OKAY! OKAY! GET HOLD OF YOURSELF! BUT WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

IF I HADN'T GRAZED THAT GORILLA WITH THE COFFEPOAT, I'D BE STONE DEAD RIGHT NOW! FOR PETE'S SAKE, CHUM, START CRUISING! HE MAY COME BACK!



SO WE CRUISED! IT WAS RAINING AGAIN, BUT I DIDN'T NOTICE IT-FORGOT THE WEATHER, THE MANAGING EDITOR, AND THE ART SHOW! CHILLS WERE CHASING UP AND DOWN MY SPINE AS I LISTENED TO THE WORDS OF THIS STRANGE HUMAN BUNDLE OF FEAR- AND HATE, THAT ALTERNATELY WHINED AND SPAT IN THE BACK SEAT OF MY CONVERTIBLE!



OKAY, YOU PROMISED ME A STORY WHEN WE SHOOK YOUR PLAYMATE - GIVE!

THANKS, MISTER! YOU'RE A REGULAR GUY! I KNOW I'M BEYOND HELP BUT A MAN GRABS AT EVEN A FEW MORE HOURS TO LIVE! MY NAME IS STITCH WEBB, AND I'M A FUGITIVE-NOT FROM THE LAW-BUT FROM THE GREATEST SYNDICATE IN THE WORLD!



DYING IS BAD ENOUGH, BUT WHEN THEY CATCH ME, IT WON'T BE A BLAST AND THE END! THEY'LL GIVE ME THE TREATMENT! I COULDN'T TAKE THAT! I'VE SEEN IT DONE! IT'S WORSE THAN ANYTHING YOU'VE EVER SEEN!

WHO ARE THEY, AND WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?



YOU'VE HEARD OF JOE FINELLI! EVERYBODY HAS! BUT NOBODY HAS EVER PINNED ANYTHING ON HIM! IN THE LAST THREE YEARS, FINELLI HAS ORGANIZED A TOP LAYER OF CRIMINALS IN EVERY STATE IN THE UNION! I WAS DRAWN INTO IT, AND NOW THAT I WANT TO GET OUT, THEY'VE MARKED ME! THE ONLY WAY OUT IS THE "TREATMENT"-AND THEN THE POLICE FIND YOUR BODY IN THE RIVER!



YEAH, I KNOW FINELLI! BUT PROOF! BOY, WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE FOR PROOF!

FORGET IT, CHUM! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP AGAINST! NOBODY WILL EVER GET PROOF ON FINELLI! BUT I'M GOING TO DIE ANYWAY-MAYBE I COULD TAKE IT ALONG WITH ME! THAT I WOULD LIKE! I STILL HAVE THE KEY-HA, HA, HA! I STILL HAVE THE KEY!




THERE WAS THE KEY! I SAW IT IN HIS HAND! I KNEW WITHOUT ASKING THAT IT WAS THE KEY TO A THOUSAND UNSOLVED MYSTERIES! IF I COULD ONLY GET HOLD OF IT! I SAW HIM HASTILY RETURN IT TO HIS VEST POCKET, WHERE A NOTCH IN THE KEY CAUGHT ON THE CLOTH, AND THE UPPER PART STUCK OUT INVITINGLY! WHEN I LIFTED MY EYES, I SAW THAT HE WAS NOW HOLDING A STILETTO IN HIS HAND! ONE FINGER, CARESSING ITS RAZOR EDGE!



ONE MORE FAVOR, CHUM- ONE MORE FAVOR FOR THE CONDEMNED MAN! DRIVE OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BRIDGE, BEYOND THE GONCOURT ARMS APARTMENTS, AND DROP ME OFF! WHATEVER HAPPENS, YOU'LL NEVER SEE ME AGAIN!

OKAY! IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU WANT IT!

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... GO PRAYING FOR A BREAK, I DROVE HIM OVER THE BRIDGE AND PAST THE PALATIAL GONCOURT ARMS APARTMENTS TO THE TENEMENT DISTRICT THAT, INCONGRUOUSLY, SPRAWLED OUT BEHIND IT! I WAS PLAYING A LONG HUNCH! I DIDN'T KNOW WHERE IT WOULD LEAD ME, BUT I WANTED THAT KEY...



END OF THE LINE, STITCH!




LOOK, FELLOW, YOU'RE RUNNING A FEVER! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING! BUT IF YOU'VE GOT TO GO THROUGH WITH IT, TAKE ME ALONG!

NO! NO! LET GO OF ME! LET GO OR I'LL USE THIS STILETTO ON YOU, TOO!



WHERE IS IT? I FELT IT FALL WHEN I SHOOK HIM!



THE LITTLE TRICK I HAD PUT ON WORKED EVEN BETTER THAN I DARED MORE! WHILE ARGUING WITH HIM, I HAD KNOCKED THE KEY INTO THE GRASS! IN A MOMENT I FOUND IT, GRABBED MY CAMERA AND SET OUT AFTER HIM! I DIDN'T WANT TO CATCH HIM! I JUST WANTED TO KEEP HIM IN SIGHT!





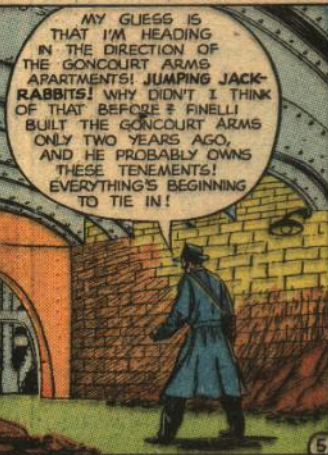
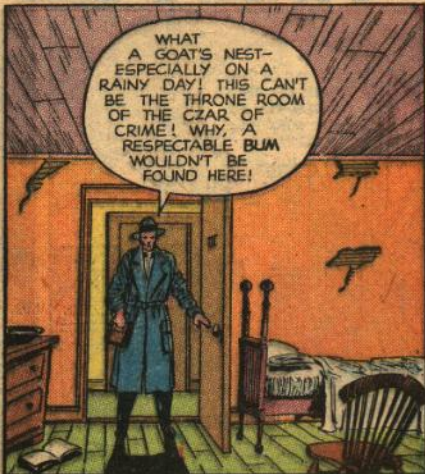
IT'S GONE! I'VE LOST THE KEY!




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I KNEW THAT WAS THE LAST GLIMPSE I WOULD HAVE OF STITCH WEBB! I ALSO KNEW THAT I MYSELF MIGHT NOT COME OUT OF THAT DOOR ALIVE! WHAT I NEEDED NOW WAS AN ARMY, BUT I WAS JUST CRAZY ENOUGH TO SWEAR THAT IF IT WAS THE LAST REPORTING JOB I DID, I'D DO IT ALONE! I WANTED A STORY— WITH PICTURES— AND I WENT AFTER THEM...



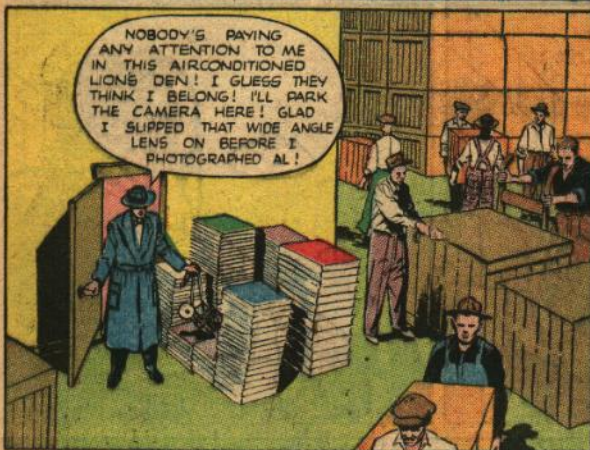
I WAS IN A COLD SWEAT WHEN I CRAWLED OUT FROM UNDER THAT BED! I WAITED, WONDERING IF AT ANY MINUTE THIS DECEPTIVE-LOOKING JOINT MIGHT BECOME AS BUSY AS TIMES SQUARE AT RUSH HOUR, BUT NOTHING HAPPENED! THEN I PUSHED THE OUTLET PLUG ON THE BASE-BOARD AND WATCHED THE TRAPDOOR AGAIN DROP SILENTLY ON ITS WELL-OILED HINGES! A MOMENT LATER, I WAS GOING DOWN THE STEPS INTO AN UNDERGROUND PASSAGE...

MY GUESS IS THAT I'M HEADING IN THE DIRECTION OF THE GONCOURT ARMS APARTMENTS! JUMPING JACK-RABBITS! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT BEFORE FINELLI BUILT THE GONCOURT ARMS ONLY TWO YEARS AGO, AND HE PROBABLY OWNS THESE TENEMENTS! EVERYTHING'S BEGINNING TO TIE IN!


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I HAD CRASHED THE HEAD-QUARTERS OF THE GREATEST CRIME RING IN HISTORY, AND CONTRARY TO ALL THE ODDS HAD COME OUT ALIVE! WITHIN FIVE MINUTES I WAS BACK IN MY PARKED CAR, PANTING FOR BREATH, AND I STAMPED ON THE STARTER AS THOUGH IT WERE FINELLI'S FACE! THE RAIN WAS COMING DOWN IN BUCKETS, NOW! I WAS SOAKED AND UNCOMFORTABLE, BUT TOO EXCITED TO GRIPE!



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HERE, JOE, GET HENRY TO DEVELOP THESE FILMS AND BLOW THEM UP TO ELEVEN- BY-FOURTEENS! QUICK, EVERY MINUTE COUNTS! I'LL BE IN THE CHIEF'S OFFICE!

RIGHT, DAVE!

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN ALL AFTERNOON? STRATTON - OUIT DRINKING COKES & WHERE'S THE ART SHOW STORY? I'VE GOT A GOOD MIND TO FIRE YOU!

OKAY, CHIEF, BUT THAT CAN WAIT! RIGHT NOW I'VE GOT THE BIGGEST STORY THIS SIDE OF A THIRD WORLD WAR! WE'VE GOT TO GET THE BIG BOSS! WHERE IS HE?

MANAGING DIRECTOR

THE BIG BOSS? YOU MEAN J.B. - THE PUBLISHER? DON'T BE SILLY! THAT'S OUT! HE'S AT A BANQUET AT THE WALDORF! HE CAN'T BE DISTURBED!

HE'LL BE GLAD TO BE DISTURBED - WHEN HE HEARS THIS! I'VE GOT THE WORKS ON FINELLI! I'VE LOCATED HIS HEADQUARTERS! CHIEF, FINELLI CONTROLS AN UNDER-WORLD GOVERNMENT THAT REACHES INTO EVERY STATE IN THE UNION!

YOU'VE SOLD ME STRATTON, BUT IT BETTER BE GOOD! I'LL HOP OVER TO THE WALDORF AND BRING J.B. BACK MYSELF!

NOW YOU'RE TALKING CHIEF! I'LL CALL THE D.A. AND THE POLICE COMMISSIONER! I'LL TRY TO HAVE THEM HERE BY THE TIME YOU COME BACK!

HEY, ALLAN! DO YOU RECALL ANY STORIES RECENTLY ON A GUY NAMED STITCH WEBB?

ONLY ONE, AND THAT OUGHT TO BE RECENT ENOUGH FOR YOU - IT CAME IN JUST FIVE MINUTES AGO! HIS MUTILATED BODY WAS FOUND FLOATING IN THE RIVER NEAR PIER 14 - AT 5:30!

THAT'S GREAT, D.A. I'M GLAD YOU'RE TAKING MY WORD FOR IT! BETTER COVER ALL SQUAD CARS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AROUND THE GONCOURT ARMS - AND BRING THE RIOT BOYS, TOO! MEANWHILE, WE'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU AND THE COMMISSIONER!

HERE ARE YOUR PRINTS, DAVE!

THERE THEY ARE! MAYBE NOT AS PRETTY AS SOME I MIGHT HAVE TAKEN AT THE ART SHOW - BUT EVIDENCE!

GET 'EM IN THE ENGRAVING DEPARTMENT RIGHT AWAY! THREE COLUMNS FOR THE MONEY VAULT AND FINELLI'S OFFICE! TWO COLUMNS FOR THE PRIVATE ARSENAL! AND, MISS EVANS, PUT STRATTON'S STORY IN TYPE RIGHT AWAY!

THEY'VE GOT FINELLI - AND ALL OF THE MOB THAT WAS PRESENT WHEN THE RAID WAS MADE! FUNNY THING! FINELLI KNEW THERE HAD BEEN A DISTURBANCE AT HIS PLACE THIS AFTERNOON, BUT THOUGHT IT WAS TROUBLE IN HIS OWN ORGANIZATION! THEY HADN'T BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE THE GUY THAT STARTED IT!

NO USE KIDDING, DAVE! SOME OF THOSE HOODS MAY STILL BE LOOSE AND OUT GUNNING FOR YOU! HERE'S A THOUSAND DOLLARS! BETTER DISAPPEAR AND LAY LOW UNDER ANOTHER NAME!

TAKE THIS GUN ALONG! I'LL FIX UP THE PERMIT WHEN I GET BACK TO THE OFFICE!

I'M NOT GETTING OUT OF TOWN FOR FINELLI'S HOODS OR ANYONE ELSE! THANKS FOR THE GUN, COMMISSIONER!

CRIME DOES NOT PAY



THAT WOULD'VE BEEN A GOOD EXIT LINE, BUT IT DIDN'T WORK OUT THAT WAY! AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK, WITH THE PAPER TO BED AND THE PREGGIES ROARING, I GOT WEARILY INTO MY RAIN-SODDEN COAT AND HAT AND LEFT FOR HOME! I GOT AS FAR AS THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE CLARION BUILDING AND WAS APPROACHING THE STREET THROUGH THE DESERTED CORRIDOR AND FROZE IN MY TRACKS...



The END

OUR POLICE HALL OF FAME



CHIEF ALFRED SMALLEY Highland Park, N. J.



THE residents of Highland Park, New Jersey, liked and admired Alfred Smalley, an electrician in the town. They never dreamed, however, nor did he, that in the course of twenty-five years he would become the President of the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police and Chief of the Highland Park, New Jersey, Police Department.

Twenty-five years ago Smalley was an electrician whose hobby was motorcycles. Then the Highland Park Police Department bought a motorcycle. Because Smalley was the only resident who knew how to ride one, the department asked him to join the three-man force.

"Although I had never given a single thought to doing police work; I decided to accept the offer," Smalley reminisced. The trial period has lasted twenty-five years. In this period Alfred Smalley rose through the ranks, becoming a state officer of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association. He was graduated from the FBI Academy in Washington, and later became the head of the local police department and the State Association of Chiefs of Police. If he hadn't been able to ride a motorcycle, he would still be an electrician.

"Although police work has changed considerably in the past twenty-five years," Chief Smalley said, "the same basic requirements for efficient detection are just as important. Keen observation, accurate description, relentless pursuit and a 'hunch' are all needed to break a case."

A few years ago, Chief Smalley had a case which he cites to prove this point. "One evening I was walking down a well-to-do residential street when two men came out of one of the homes. I smiled because one of them was whis-

ting 'Star Dust,' a favorite of mine. They entered a car and drove away. As soon as they were out of sight, I heard a muffled yell from the house they had left and went in to investigate. I found the maid, tied and partially gagged, in a closet. The house had been ransacked and over \$15,000 in jewelry had been stolen.

"The maid's description of the two men was of absolutely no value, but I had a hunch that the two men I had seen were the criminals. I had no clues to work on, except the whistling. This was a slim hope."

For the next few days all of Chief Smalley's men were on the alert for the two criminals, but to no avail. "One afternoon, however, we got our first break. One of my men, while on patrol, heard a man whistling 'Star Dust' and went up to question him and his companion. As he approached the pair, they started to run, and he gave chase. They split up after a block, and my man finally caught one of them—the 'whistler.' When I questioned him at headquarters, he claimed complete ignorance of the crime.

"I went through his possessions and found nothing out-of-the-ordinary. He claimed to be a salesman, out of work. The only card that seemed in the least bit out of place was from an antique dealer. In the course of my investigation, I found that the dealer's reputation was not good. He had been under suspicion of handling stolen merchandise before but was never convicted. I decided to pay him a visit.

"As soon as I entered the store, the dealer seemed nervous, suspiciously so. I questioned him for a few minutes and then suggested that even though he knew nothing about the robbery, I would like to look through the store. At this point he got nasty, and I decided to stay with him while one of my men got a search warrant.

"We searched the store completely with no results. But I still wasn't satisfied. As we were about to leave, I noticed a cellar door and decided to continue my search. The dealer seemed even more nervous. We searched the cellar carefully, and finally unearthed one of the missing diamonds in the electric meter box. The antique dealer admitted receiving the diamond from the arrested criminal, but would say no more. Even though we caught the dealer with the evidence, we knew he was merely a link in a chain. We were still a long way from the solution of the case."

A few days after the arrest of the antique dealer, Chief Smalley received a mysterious phone call from Philadelphia. The caller wouldn't give his name, but merely stated that he wanted to meet the Chief at the waterfront, at one in the morning the next day. "I decided that it was worth following-up. I drove to the waterfront street where I was supposed to meet this man and waited. The whole area was completely deserted and for over half an hour, no one showed up. I was just about to leave when

a middle-aged man approached me. He told me that he was a cousin of the 'big fence' and that he wanted to help me recover the jewelry. He gave me enough information to prove that he was telling the truth.

"When I returned to headquarters, I contacted the Philadelphia and New York police and we started closing in on the leader. Detectives were assigned to watch both of his offices. For a few days nothing happened. Then one morning I received word that a package was being taken from New York to Philadelphia by the 'big fence' himself. This was our chance. I was waiting for him in Philadelphia, and we apprehended him as he was about to enter his Philadelphia office. Inside the package was the major portion of the stolen jewels, as well as loot from other robberies. The companion of the 'whistler' was found living in the 'fence's' home and was arrested. When the 'fence' went to jail, one of the largest operations dealing in stolen jewelry was wiped out."

Although juvenile delinquency is not a problem in Highland Park, Chief Smalley has always been interested in the problem of handling young offenders and giving them proper counseling. "A few years ago I broke a case which led me to one of the most villainous criminals I have ever met. For many weeks Highland Park was the scene of many car robberies. Cars were stolen, stripped of all equipment, and then abandoned. We caught a few offenders. They were all youngsters, but none of them would divulge the name of their leader. I decided that there was no point in picking up these kids because I was primarily interested in the top man.

"One evening we caught three boys in the act of stealing a car. Instead of bringing them in, we followed them. After the car was stripped of all accessories they went directly to a store which served as a hang-out for many young people in a neighboring town. There the car parts and accessories were turned over to the owner of the store. We arrested him and found that he was an absolute Fagin. He had twenty-six boys working for him, ranging in age from eleven to twenty. These youngsters would strip cars and receive pennies for the equipment they turned over to the store owner. I am happy to say that the leader received an extremely stiff sentence. I don't think that anything gave me more satisfaction than hearing the judge pronounce sentence on this criminal."

It seems certain that there will be Smalleys in law enforcement work for many years to come. Chief Smalley's son is a New Jersey State Trooper, one daughter worked for the FBI until her marriage and the other daughter is still an employee of the FBI. If they can compile records as outstanding as their father's, the efficiency of law enforcement throughout the country will be increased immeasurably.

THE END

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INVITATION TO MURDER!

WHY WAS OLD MISS HUNT MURDERED WHEN SHE HAD LESS THAN A MONTH TO LIVE?

I DON'T CARE IF THE DOOR WAS LOCKED FROM THE INSIDE— IN FACT, I WOULDN'T CARE IF THERE WEREN'T ANY DOORS OR WINDOWS IN THE ROOM AT ALL! THAT POOR LADY WAS MURDERED— AND I'M GOING TO FIND OUT WHO DID IT!

AUNT ELIZA M-MURDERED? BUT WHY? SHE HADN'T LONG TO LIVE ANYHOW! THE DOCTOR SAID LESS THAN A MONTH!

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A KILLER, DETECTIVE WAYNE, YOU CAN START WITH MY UNCLE OLIVER OVER THERE— I WARNED YOU— HE'S DANGEROUS!

THE OLD LADY'S LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT WAS HER DEATH WARRANT, AN INVITATION TO MURDER! TWO GREEDY BROTHERS AND THEIR MAD UNCLE WERE AMONG DETECTIVE LESTER WAYNE'S SUSPECTS! THE KILLER HAD A WILY METHOD, BUT THE LAW IS ALWAYS ONE STEP AHEAD OF THE CRAFTIEST CRIMINAL!

ED RYAN ISN'T FOOLING THIS TIME, AUNT ELIZA! FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, DON'T YOU SEE, IF I CAN'T GIVE HIM \$2,000 BY NEXT WEEK HE'S LIABLE TO—

BREAK YOUR NECK? THE WORLD WOULD HARDLY MISS YOU, MICHAEL! I SUPPORT YOU ONLY BECAUSE I PROMISED MY BROTHER DAVID ON HIS DEATHBED I'D LOOK AFTER HIS SON! BUT I WON'T PAY YOUR GAMBLING DEBTS!

AUNT ELIZA'S A LITTLE ROUGH, MIKE, BUT SHE DOESN'T REALLY MEAN HALF SHE SAYS! DID RYAN ACTUALLY THREATEN YOU?

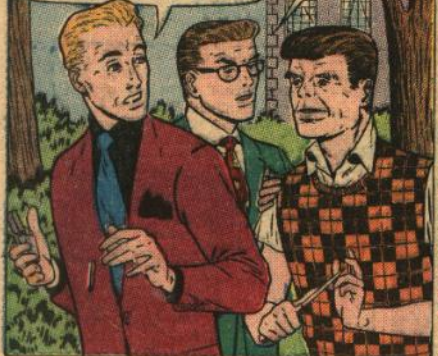
HE GAVE ME A MONTH, BUT I THOUGHT I'D BETTER START WORKING ON THE OLD WITCH NOW— ONLY IT WON'T DO ANY GOOD!— I'LL NEVER SQUEEZE A NICKEL OUT OF HER! IT GRIPES ME THAT ALL THATS BETWEEN ME AND A FORTUNE IS THAT SICK, OLD WOMAN HANGING ON!

THESE ARE THE FACTS LEADING TO A BAFFLING MURDER AND ITS SOLUTION IN HUNT MAJOR THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 18, 1934!



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WHAT TH? OH, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD! EVERY TIME YOU TURN AROUND, YOU FIND THIS CREEP STANDING THERE WITH A KNIFE! ONE OF THESE DAYS HE'LL PLANT IT IN SOMEONE'S BACK!



OLIVER - BACK TO THE HOUSE! THERE, THAT'S A GOOD FELLOW!

LOOK, PETE - I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF STAYING IN THIS HOUSE ALONE WITH HIM - HE HATES US! I THINK WE OUGHT TO GET RID OF HIM! HAVE HIM COMMITTED!

AUNT ELIZA, WOULD HIT THE CEILING IF WE DID THAT TO HER PET BROTHER!



AUNT ELIZA WILL BE GONE IN TWO WEEKS, PETE! WE COULD TELL HER UNCLE OLIVER GOT VIOLENT, AND WE HAD TO PUT HIM AWAY! MAYBE SHE'LL LEAVE HIM THERE!

WELL, WE MIGHT TRY IT - BUT I HOPE SHE WON'T BE ANGRY.

UNCLE OLIVER WILL BE HAPPY THERE! WE TOLD THEM YOU'D PAY EXTRA, AT THE ASYLUM!

ASYLUM! I THOUGHT YOU SAID IT WAS A SANITARIUM! WHY - WHY - YOU YOUNG SCAMP!



PLEASE, MISS HUNT, YOU'D BETTER COME TO YOUR ROOM AND REST!

WHAT COULD WE DO - LET HIM CUT OUR THROATS? HE WAS VIOLENT, I TELL YOU!

SO A HALF-SHARE OF MY ESTATE BETWEEN YOU ISN'T ENOUGH! YOU WANT THAT POOR CREATURE TO DIE OF LONELINESS, SO YOU CAN HAVE HIS SHARE, TOO! WELL, I'VE STOOD ABOUT ALL THE NONSENSE FROM YOU TWO I'M GOING TO!

I DON'T CARE HOW YOU GO ABOUT IT, MR. GRAY! YOU'RE MY ATTORNEY! JUST GET OLIVER OUT OF THERE! AND DON'T BE LATE THIS EVENING - I'LL BE EXPECTING YOU AT SEVEN O'CLOCK WITH THE OLD WILL!

THERE! I TOLD YOU SHE'D BE ANGRY! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD UNCLE OLIVER'S MONEY - IN MIND!

SHE'LL GET OVER IT! AS FOR UNCLE OLIVER'S MONEY, HE WOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO ENJOY IT, ANYWAY! I NEED MONEY EVEN MORE THAN YOU DO, PETE! AT LEAST YOU HAVE YOUR INSURANCE JOB!



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9:35...GRAY AND AUNT ELIZA HAVE BEEN UP THERE FOR HOURS! MAYBE SHE'S CHANGING HER WILL!

HMPH! IT WOULD SERVE YOU RIGHT IF SHE CUT YOU OFF WITHOUT A CENT! YOU'VE CAUSED HER CONSIDERABLE SHOCK!



DON'T DENY IT! I HEARD HER TELL YOU YOU'RE IN FOR A "LITTLE GIFT" AFTER SHE'S GONE! YOU KEEP HER ALIVE SO YOU CAN GET THE FAT FEES!

DON'T SAY THAT, MIKE! OH HERE'S MR. GRAY NOW!

WE'RE ALL THROUGH, DR. CROSS YOU'D BETTER HAVE A LOOK AT MISS HUNT. SHE SEEMS VERY TIRED!



WELL, MR. GRAY, WHAT WAS IT ALL ABOUT? DID SHE...

NOW YOU KNOW BETTER THAN THAT! ANY BUSINESS I HAVE WITH YOUR AUNT IS IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE!



IT WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD TO INSIST! I HAVE NO RIGHT TO TELL YOU WHAT'S IN YOUR AUNT'S WILL—OR EVEN IF THERE'S A NEW ONE! NOW, IF YOU DON'T MIND, I HAVE A PRIVATE CALL TO MAKE!

OF COURSE! I'D LIKE TO SEE HOW AUNT ELIZA IS, ANYHOW!

AAAH!!



DOCTOR, TELL ME I'LL BE ALL RIGHT—IF ANYTHING SHOULD HAPPEN TO ME, I KNOW THAT WORTHLESS SCOUNDREL, MICHAEL, WOULD HAVE OLIVER PUT AWAY AGAIN! AND PETER—HE HASN'T GOT ENOUGH GUMPTION TO STOP HIS BROTHER!

YOU'RE DOING FINE, MISS HUNT! BUT YOU GOT TO STOP WORRYING! COME ON, OLIVER, LIKE A GOOD FELLOW! WE'VE GOT TO LET YOUR SISTER REST!

MICHAEL HAS GIVEN ME NOTHING BUT TROUBLE—AND PETER ISN'T ANY BARGAIN EITHER! THEY BOTH DESERVE TO BE CUT OUT OF MY WILL!



I'LL FIND OUT—I'VE GOT TO KNOW!



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FINDING HER BROTHER HAD BEEN SENT TO AN ASYLUM SET MISS HUNT BACK QUITE A BIT, BUT SHE'LL BE ALL RIGHT NOW!

I WAS LUCKY TO GET HIM RELEASED SO SOON! THOSE TWO YOUNG PARASITES SHOULD BE HORSE-WHIPPED!



MIND YOU, I'M NOT PRYING ABOUT THE WILL, BUT I HOPE SHE'S TAUGHT THEM A LESSON!

IT'S ALL IN HERE, DR. CROSS—I'LL HAVE IT TYPED UP BY TOMORROW EVENING AND BROUGHT BACK FOR HER SIGNATURE. HA! HA! I'D LIKE TO SEE THEIR FACES!



PLEASE DON'T BE TOO LONG, RUTH! I'M VERY TIRED!

IT WON'T TAKE ME MORE THAN FIFTEEN MINUTES, MISS HUNT! I WON'T BOTHER YOU IF YOU'RE ASLEEP!



OH—WHO? Y—YOU—WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO ME? NO! NO! PLEASE...



PLEASE, SOMEONE HELP ME! MISS HUNT'S DOOR IS LOCKED—SHE DOESN'T ANSWER!



MISS HUNT! DO YOU HEAR ME? WHO LOCKED THIS DOOR, MISS DOUGLAS?

I DON'T KNOW! I WENT DOWN STAIRS ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES AGO!

SO WHAT? SHE MAY BE DYING! WE'LL HAVE TO BREAK IT IN!



GREAT—NO!! EVERYONE STAY OUT OF HERE!

HOLY SMOKE! HANGED HERSELF!

AUNT ELIZA!! SHE—SHE'S DEAD!!



DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING IN THIS ROOM! I'VE GOT TO CALL THE POLICE!

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POLICE HEADQUARTERS, DETECTIVE WAYNE SPEAKING! YES? WHO? ALL RIGHT, SAVE IT TILL I GET THERE, DOCTOR! LET ME HAVE THAT ADDRESS AGAIN! UH-HUH-HUNT PARK! OKAY, I'LL BE RIGHT OUT!



OFF HAND, I'D SAY IT WAS SUICIDE—ONLY THERE'S SOMETHING MISSING!



IT'S MURDER, LIEUTENANT WALSH—I'LL SHOW YOU! SAY, WOULD YOU MIND CLOSING THAT DOOR! I CAN'T STAND PEOPLE LOOKING OVER MY SHOULDER!



FIRST OF ALL, THE OLD LADY WOULD HAVE TO BE AN ACROBAT—HER FEET ARE SIX INCHES FROM THE FLOOR! IF SHE DID IT HERSELF SHE'D HAVE TO BE STANDING ON SOMETHING, THEN KICK IT AWAY! SEE? NOW, LOOK AT THIS ROPE!



NOTICE HOW THE ROPE FIBRES HAVE BEEN SCRAPED AND POINT UP ON ONE SIDE? ORDINARILY THEY'D STICK OUT IN ALL DIRECTIONS, LIKE THEY DO ON THE OTHER SIDE! THAT INDICATES THE NOOSE WAS FIRST PUT OVER THE VICTIM'S NECK, THROWN OVER THE DOOR-KNOB AFTER THE KILLER HAD HOISTED HER OFF THE FLOOR! THE ROPE RUBBING OVER THE TOP OF THE DOOR FLATTENED THOSE FIBRES!



THAT MAY BE EVIDENCE OF MURDER, BUT IT'S A LONG WAY FROM GIVING US THE MURDERER!



BUT IT'S A DARNED GOOD START! AND IF YOU NEED FURTHER PROOF OF MURDER, THERE'S A NASTY LUMP ON HER HEAD! SHE PROBABLY GOT SLOGGED TO KEEP HER FROM CRYING OUT!

THAT PRETTY NURSE SAID SHE WAS GONE 15 MINUTES, THEN SHE CAME BACK AND FOUND THE DOOR LOCKED! IT'S CERTAIN! SHE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD THE STRENGTH TO DO THE JOB—SO NOW I'VE GOT TO SEE SOME MEN ABOUT A MURDER!



HUH—HERE'S SOMETHING—A PENCIL STUB WITH A PIECE OF STRING TIED TO IT!

THERE AREN'T ANY KIDS IN THIS HOUSE, UNLESS THAT SIMPLE-MINDED GUY, HER BROTHER, DROPPED IT!



ONLY HE SURE COULDN'T HAVE WALKED THROUGH A LOCKED DOOR!

I'M GOING TO HANG ONTO THIS!



NOW, I KNOW BETTER THAN TO ASK WHICH OF YOU MURDERED MISS HUNT: SO WE'LL GO DOWNSTAIRS AND DRAG IT OUT OF YOU THE HARD WAY!

I TELL YOU, IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE MAD ENOUGH TO COMMIT MURDER, JUST LOOK THERE AT UNCLE OLIVER!



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THAT'S ABSURD! OLIVER HAS THE MENTALITY OF A FIVE-YEAR-OLD CHILD, BUT HE WOULDN'T HURT A FLY! IT WOULD BE EASY TO BLAME THAT UNFORTUNATE MAN TO PROTECT MYSELF BUT I HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE!

I'LL GO ALONG WITH YOU ON OLIVER, DR. CROSS! IN THE FIRST PLACE, HE COULDN'T FIGURE 'OUT ALL THE GIMMICKS IN THIS CASE-LIKE LOCKING THE DOOR FROM THE OUTSIDE WITH THE KEY LEFT INSIDE! I'M NOT SURE I GET THAT, ONE MYSELF! ANOTHER THING-HE'S BEEN TOYING WITH THAT KNIFE SINCE I CAME IN-IF HE KILLED WITH ANYTHING, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN WITH THAT!

ALL RIGHT, YOU ALL HAVE ALIBIS-BUT NOBODY TO SUBSTANTIATE THEM! THAT'S GREAT! NOW SUPPOSING YOU-MICHAEL, ISN'T IT-START FROM THE BEGINNING; WAS THERE ANY-ONE ELSE HERE?

WELL, NOT AT THE TIME AUNT ELIZA WAS KILLED! HER LAWYER, STANLEY GRAY, LEFT JUST BEFORE!



OH FINE! IT TOOK ME ALL THIS TIME TO DRAG THAT OUT OF YOU! DOES ANY-ONE HERE KNOW HIS PHONE NUMBER?

HE'D BE HOME AT THIS HOUR-IT'S PINE 7-1201! I'M POSITIVE MISS DOUGLAS, THE NURSE, WAS WITH MISS HUNT AT THE TIME!

I KNOW YOU'RE SHOCKED, MR. GRAY-YOU SAID SO TEN TIMES! NOW WILL YOU PLEASE TELL ME WHAT YOU WERE DOING HERE EARLIER THIS EVENING? OH, I SEE! A NEW WILL! WHAT? SOMEONE STOLE IT FROM YOUR BRIEF-CASE? WELL, WHY DIDN'T YOU CALL UP HERE ABOUT IT?

I DIDN'T WANT TO DISTURB HER TONIGHT! IT HADN'T BEEN TYPED UP OR SIGNED YET! HOWEVER, I RECALL ALL THE TERMS! BUT OF COURSE, THE UNSIGNED WILL WOULD HAVE BEEN WORTHLESS ANYWAY! THE OLD ONE IS STILL IN EFFECT...



OKAY, MR. GRAY! I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU'D COME RIGHT OVER...HAH! NOW THINGS ARE BEGINNING TO MOVE! I'M GOING TO FIND OUT HOW TO WALK THROUGH A LOCKED DOOR!

SOMEONE COULD HAVE USED LONG-NOSED PLIERS TO LOCK THE DOOR AND GRAB THE NOSE OF THE KEY! BUT THERE ISN'T A SCRATCH ON THIS LOCK TO SHOW THAT ANYTHING HAS BEEN RUBBED AGAINST IT! LIEUTENANT, YOU'D BETTER GO BACK TO HEADQUARTERS! I THINK THIS IS GOING TO BE A LONG SIEGE!

ALL RIGHT, WAYNE! THEY HAVE THE BODY DOWNTOWN-I WANT TO STOP BY AND SEE WHAT THE ALTOREY REPORT IS!

IF THERE WERE A TRANSOM, IT WOULD BE A CINCH! THE KILLER COULD CLIMB THROUGH IT AFTER LOCKING THE DOOR! IF HE TIED A STRING TO THE KEY, THERE WOULD BE SOME BROKEN CORD ON THE KEY! UH-OH! BROKEN CORD-THAT REMINDS ME!

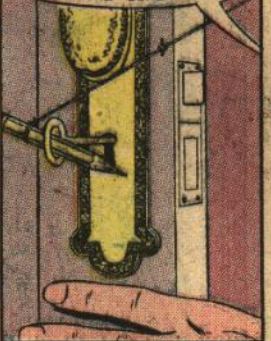


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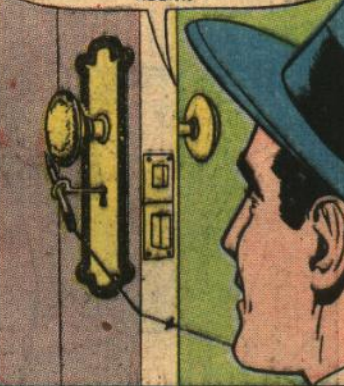
LET'S SEE! NOW IF THE CORD WERE ATTACHED TO THE KEY, SOMEHOW, WHOEVER LOCKED THE DOOR, MIGHT HAVE USED THIS STUB TO GET A GOOD GRIP ON THE CORD—BUT THAT WOULDN'T LEAVE THE OTHER END OF THE CORD ACCOUNTED FOR! BESIDES, THAT WOULDN'T ACCOUNT FOR THE STUB AND STRING BEING INSIDE THE ROOM! MAYBE IF I WORKED WITH A LONGER PIECE OF STRING!



A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF LEVERAGE WOULD BE NEEDED TO TURN THE KEY IN THE LOCK—WAIT A SECOND, MAYBE IF I PUT THE PENCIL THROUGH THE KEY SO IT WOULD ACT AS A LEVER WHEN I PULL THE CORD...



IT WORKED! THE KEY TURNED! THE KILLER THEN PULLED THE CORD TILL IT SNAPPED, LEAVING ONLY AN INNOCENT LOOKING PENCIL LYING INSIDE THE ROOM!



C'MON, NURSE, I'VE GOT TO SEE EVERYONE-DOWN-STAIRS, INCLUDING YOU! WHERE ARE THEY ALL?



OH, WHY—IN THE DRAWING ROOM, I BELIEVE! GRAY IS HERE, TOO!

WAIT A MINUTE! BEFORE WE GO IN, I'M GOING TO CALL AND CHECK ON THIS PENCIL! LET'S SEE, INTERCONTINENTAL—ONLY THE FIRST TWO LETTERS OF THE SECOND WORD ARE LEFT, "A-S". HM—ASSOCIATED—ASSOCIATION, ASSURANCE—



ASSURANCE! THAT'S IT! ASSURANCE MEANS THE SAME AS INSURANCE! COMPANIES USE EITHER NAME! THAT MIGHT BE THE CLUE I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR! C'MON LET'S GO IN!



WHY IS WAYNE SNOOPING AROUND HERE LIKE SHERLOCK HOLMES?



IF YOU THINK YOU'RE BEING FUNNY, MICHAEL HUNT, THINK THIS ONE OVER: THE CHAUFFEUR SAYS YOU WERE BEGGING YOUR AUNT ELIZA FOR MONEY TO PAY OFF A GAMBLING DEBT, BUT SHE TURNED YOU DOWN! THAT'S A GOOD MOTIVE FOR MURDER!

I CAN TELL YOU I'VE GOT A KILLER—ONE OF YOU! MR. GRAY, YOU SAY YOU REMEMBER THE TERMS OF THE WILL THAT WAS STOLEN! WHAT WERE THEY?



ASIDE FROM GIFTS TO DR. CROSS, MISS DOUGLAS AND THE SERVANTS, EVERYTHING WENT TO OLIVER! MICHAEL AND PETER WERE CUT OFF!

THAT STILL LEAVES A LOT OF SUSPECTS! EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM IS IN A POSITION TO BENEFIT BY THE OLD LADY'S DEATH! HOWEVER, THE HUNT BROTHERS STOOD TO LOSE EVERYTHING IF THE NEW WILL HAD BEEN SIGNED! THAT MAKES THEM OUR PRIME SUSPECTS! NOW, WILL YOU ALL HOLD YOUR HANDS OUT, PALMS DOWN!



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OKAY, THE REST OF YOU CAN PUT YOUR HANDS DOWN! NOT YOU TWO—LEAVE YOUR HANDS OUT THERE!

WHAT ARE Y...YOU TRYING TO P...PULL WAYNE? WE'VE GOT A RIGHT TO KNOW!



JUST SNAP THESE CUFFS ON THE KILLER, PETER HUNT! THAT PENCIL TRICK OF YOURS WASN'T AS FLAWLESS AS YOU THOUGHT, PETE! GRAB HIM, DOC!

YES, I...I KILLED HER! I ALWAYS TRIED TO DO EVERYTHING SHE ASKED! IT WASN'T FAIR! SHE CUT ME OFF COLD!



THE FACT THAT PETER HUNT WAS AN INSURANCE MAN LINKED HIM TO THAT PENCIL STUB! KNOWING WHAT HE WAS I KNEW HE'D CRACK WHEN I SLAPPED THE CUFFS ON! NOW HE'S PAYING THE PRICE FOR HIS CRIME!

The End.



This'll KILL YA!

BANG!



DON'T ASK ME WHY! I ASKED THE CHIEF FOR A RAISE, AND THIS IS WHAT HE SAID TO DO!



OH, MY—THE BOSS IS GONNA BE SORE! HE SAID TO LEAVE THE SCREEN DOOR OPEN IN CASE OF TROUBLE!

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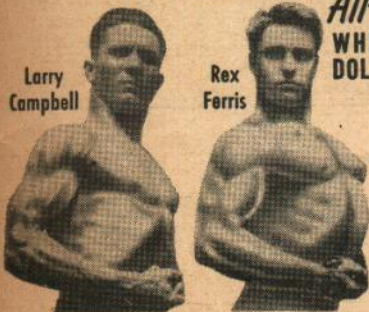
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